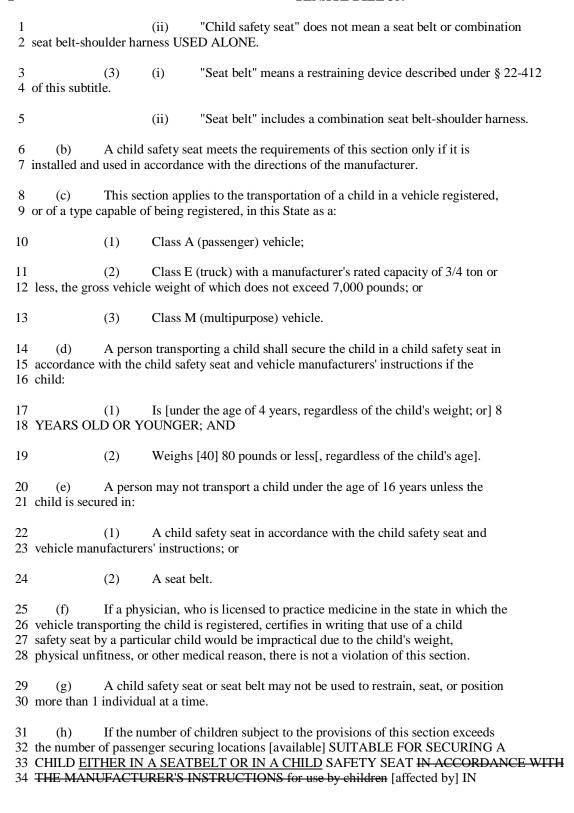
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	CHAPTER
1 A	N ACT concerning
2	Motor Vehicle Laws - Child Booster Seats
3 F ⁰ 4 5 6 7 8	OR the purpose of including a child booster seat in the definition of a child safety seat; altering the circumstances under which a child is required to be secured in a child safety seat when traveling in a motor vehicle; providing that for a certain period of time, this Act may be enforced only by the issuance of a warning that informs the offender of the requirements of this Act; providing for a delayed effective date; and generally relating to child booster seats.
9 B 10 11 12 13	Y repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Transportation Section 22-412.2 Annotated Code of Maryland (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)
14 15 N	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
16	Article - Transportation
17 2	22-412.2.
18	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
21 V	(2) (i) "Child safety seat" means a device, INCLUDING A CHILD BOOSTER SEAT, that is manufactured in accordance with the 1981 Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and is used to restrain, seat, or position a child who is ransported in a motor vehicle.



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- 1 ACCORDANCE WITH this section, and all of those securing locations are in use by 2 children, there is not a violation of this section.
- 3 (i) A violation of this section is not contributory negligence and may not be 4 admitted as evidence in the trial of any civil action.
- 5 (j) A violation of this section is not considered a moving violation for purposes 6 of § 16-402 of this article.
- 7 (k) The failure to provide a child safety seat or seat belt for more than 1 child 8 in the same vehicle at the same time, as required by this section, shall be treated as 9 a single violation.
- 10 (l) Any person convicted of a violation of this section is subject to a 11 fine of \$25.
- 12 (2) A judge may waive the fine if the person charged with violation of 13 this section:
- 14 (i) Did not possess a child safety seat at the time of the violation;
- 15 (ii) Acquires a child safety seat prior to the hearing date; and
- 16 (iii) Provides proof of acquisition to the court.
- 17 (m) The Department of Transportation and the Department of Health and
- 18 Mental Hygiene shall jointly implement the Child Safety Seat Program and foster
- 19 compliance with this section through educational and promotional efforts.
- 20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for the first 6 months
- 21 that this Act is in effect, this Act may be enforced only by the issuance of a warning
- 22 that informs the offender of the requirements of this Act and a citation may not be
- 23 issued for a violation of this Act occurring before April 1, 2003.
- 24 SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 25 effect October 1, 2002.